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REMARKS

Claims 12-22 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 1 was objected to because of an informality. Under 35 USC § 102(b), claims 1, 7-8, 23, 25-28 were rejected as anticipated by Davis (US Pat. No. 5,766,033). Claims 2-6, 10-11 were 5 rejected under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Davis.

Claims 9, 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Allowable claim 9 is being incorporated into base claim 7. Allowable claim 24 is being incorporated into base claim 23. Thus base claims 7, 24 should now be allowable.

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A spurious limitation on the insertable portion of the pin substrate being thinner than the housing portion in claim 23 is being deleted. The preambles of claims 8-11 are being amended to refer to the proper antecedent in base claim 7, the extended USB connector plug.

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New dependent claims 29-30 are modified from original claims 4-5. Amended claim 9 contains modified limitations from original claims 4 and 6.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 7-11, 23, 25-30, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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